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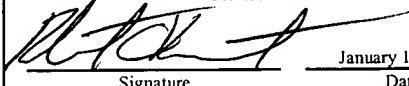
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection dated March 8, 2005 of claims 1-6, 8-31, 33-47 and 49-72.

No fees should be due since this Notice of Appeal is being filed to reinstate the previous Notice of Appeal in which prosecution was re-opened by the Examiner. However, if there are any fees due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-64800/RCK.

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